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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE ON ISSUANCE OF
EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REFS: A) MANAGUA 3027

B) STATE 148790

C) MANAGUA 3611

1. ARA/CEN DIRECTOR HAD INFORMED NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR
SEVILLA SACASA AT CHANCE ENCOUNTER EVENING JUNE 25 THAT
EMBASSY WAS BEING INSTRUCTED ISSUE PRESS RELEASE TO COR-
RECT INCOMPLETE INFORMATION HEADLINED IN NOVEDADES RE
HOUSE VOTE ON AMENDMENT RESTORING SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR
NICARAGUA TO APPROPRIATIONS BILL (REF A).

2. AT FUNCTION IN STATE DEPARTMENT EVENING JUNE 27,
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SEVILLA SACASA APPROACHED BOTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN
AND OFFICE DIRECTOR MATTHEWS WITH COPY OF CABLE FROM FON
MIN NICARAGUA WITH COMMENT THAT FON MIN CONSIDERED LAST
PARA OF PRESS RELEASE TO BE INTERFERENCE IN NICARAGUA'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS. BOTH TODMAN AND MATTHEWS DISAGREED WITH
INTERPRETATION, POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS SIMPLE EXPLANATION
OF INTERNAL USG ACTION AFFECTING NICARAGUA AND THAT IT WAS

ISSUED ONLY BECAUSE OF ERRONEOUS REPORT IN NOVEDADES.

3. TODMAN CONFIRMED THE CONTENT OF THE PRESS RELEASE TO SEVILLA SACASA, EMPHASIZING THAT ANY FY 77 OR 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE WAS CONDITIONAL UPON PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE BALL WAS NOW IN NICARAGUA'S COURT. IN RESPONSE TO SEVILLA SACASA'S QUERY AS TO WHAT SPECIFICALLY U.S. WOULD HAVE GON DO, TODMAN SAID SPECIFIC STEPS WERE OBVIOUSLY FOR GON TO DETERMINE, BUT HE REFERRED WITHOUT SPECIFYING TO PREVIOUS ILLUSTRATIVE SUGGESTIONS MADE BOTH HERE TO HIM AND BY OUR AMBASSADOR AND CHARGE IN NICARAGUA TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. THIS CONDITIONING OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ON SOME POSITIVE ACTIONS BY NICARAGUA WAS CONFIRMED TO SEVILLA SACASA BY THE SECRETARY IN A CONVERSATION COINCIDENT WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ' ARRIVAL JUNE 28.

5. AT REQUEST OF SEVILLA SACASA, MATTHEWS READ SPANISH-LANGUAGE VERSION OF PRESS RELEASE IN NICARAGUAN TELEGRAM AND NOTED THAT IT APPEARED TO BE ACCURATE TRANSLATION OF TEXT CABLED TO EMBASSY MANAGUA BY DEPARTMENT AND WHICH EMBASSY WAS INSTRUCTED TO ISSUE AS PRESS RELEASE.

6. MATTHEWS ADDED THAT WE WERE DISTURBED GON HAD NOT ALLOWED PUBLICATION OF PRESS RELEASE AND HOPED THAT GON CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD EITHER RECONSIDER OR WOULD OTHERWISE ITSELF SET RECORD STRAIGHT THROUGH THE NICARAGUAN MEDIA. SEVILLA SACASA SAID HE WOULD RELAY THE SUGGESTION TO HIS MINISTER THAT THE GON INSURE PUBLICATION IN NICARAGUA OF THE UN-CONTESTED FACT THAT A SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR FY 78 CAN BE SIGNED ONLY AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION BY STATE WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DESIGNED TO ASSURE THAT BOTH AGREE THERE HAS BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. HE SEEMED TO AGREE THAT THIS WOULD BENEFIT NICARAGUA IN SHOWING DESIRE TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT.

7. LETTER WAS SENT JUNE 29 FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS TO MEMBERS OF HOUSE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ENCLOSING COPY OF PRESS RELEASE AND EXPLAINING IT ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO ERRONEOUS GON PRESS RELEASE AND THAT GON PROTESTED AND REFUSED TO ALLOW ITS PUBLICATION. LETTER ALSO NOTES DEPARTMENT STANDS BY COMMITMENTS OF BRAY TESTIMONY. CHRISTOPHER

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